

European Maritime Day

Den Helder, 20 – 21 May 2021 (virtual conference)

Provisional Programme

DAY 1

09.00 – 10.00 **Opening Session** – *from Den Helder studio, webstreamed*

Moderator: Humberto TAN

Welcome: Jan DE BOER, Mayor of Den Helder

Kees VISSER, Alderman Economy and Harbour, Den Helder

Key note: **A NEW APPROACH FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY**

Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

OPENING EXCHANGE: A GREEN RECOVERY FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY

- Cora van NIEUWENHUIZEN, Minister for Infrastructure and Water Management, The Netherlands
- Cees LOGGEN, Vice-Governor of Noord-Holland, President CPMR
- Carmen-Gabriela AVRAM, MEP, Vice-Chair Intergroup Seas, Rivers Islands and Coastal Areas
- Malgosia BARTOSIK, Deputy CEO, Wind Europe
- Monika VERBEEK, Executive director, Sea at Risk (tbc)

10.00 – 10.15 Break

10.15 – 11.00 **Pitch Session I:** organised by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) – virtual session

BRINGING BLUE/GREEN INNOVATION TO MARKET (EMFF blue economy innovation projects)

10.15 – 11.00 **EU Blue Economy Report 2021:** DG MARE – virtual session, webstreamed

HOW BLUE IS EUROPE'S ECONOMY IN 2021: SUPPORTING THE GREEN

11.00 – 12.15 **EU Policy Session:** DG MARE – *from Den Helder studio, webstreamed*

THE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD SECTOR AND THE EU'S GREEN DEAL

This session will highlight the role of seafood in the context of the wider political agenda and notably the Farm to Fork Strategy, as well as the implications and the opportunities offered by this agenda for the EU seafood sector. The EC will present new initiatives such as the new Commission Strategic Guidelines for the sustainable development of EU aquaculture as well as its work towards a future initiative to support the production and use of algae in the EU (“Blue bio economy – towards a strong and sustainable EU algae sector”)

Moderator: Felix LEINEMANN, Head of Unit, DG MARE

Speakers:

- Javier OJEDA (Chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council) - tbc
- Maria DAMANAKI (Systemiq, Seaweed for Europe) - tbc
- Louise FRESCO, President of the Executive Board of Wageningen Research – tbc
- Brian O' RIORDAN, Executive Secretary, Low Impact Fishers of Europe - tbc

11.00 – 12.15 **EU Policy Session:** DG MARE – virtual session

MARINE AND FRESHWATER RESEARCH & INNOVATION

This session will shed light on the expected marine and aquatic research and innovation in the Horizon Europe work programme. The discussion will explore what kind of research we need in the next years and how the proposed mission on healthy ocean, seas and waters will complement this research towards impactful policy-making. The session will also touch upon how EU research fits in the global spectrum through the UN Decade of ocean science.

Moderator: Andreea STRACHINESCU, Head of Unit, DG MARE

Speakers:

- John BELL, Director, DG R&I (tbc)
- Darko MANAKOVSKI, Board Member, Ocean Mission (tbc)
- Julian BARBIERE, UN Ocean Decade Focal Point (tbc)

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch Break

13.15 – 14.30 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - virtual sessions

14.30 – 15.15 **Pitch Stage II:** organised by NL - *from Den Helder studio, webstreamed*

Info to be provided

15.15 – 16.30 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - virtual sessions

16.30 – 16.45 Break

16.45 – 18.00 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - virtual sessions

Day 2

09.00 – 10.15 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - *virtual sessions*

10.20 – 11.00 **Pitch Stage III:** INTERACT – Knowledge of the Seas network – *virtual session*

(Info to be provided)

11.05 – 12.20 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** *virtual sessions*

12.25 – 13.00 **Closing Session and handover ceremony** - *from Den Helder studio, webstreamed*

- Charlina VITCHEVA, Director General, DG MARE
- Jan DE BOER, Mayor of Den Helder
- Lotte MOLLEMA, Youth Mayor of Den Helder
- N.N., Political Representative Ravenna City Hall
- N.N. Representative EU4Oceans platform

13.15 End of EMD conference

14.00 – 16.30 **BLUEINVEST Roundtable** (special event)

INVESTING IN THE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY